

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

a<sup>1</sup> In the memory device for a short time are the information and characteristic data such as production history information and damage status. The damage status means the type and the extent of damage to the rubber-covered cylinder sleeve.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

a<sup>2</sup> The aforementioned production history information is, for example, data and information about the number of wash cycles, web width, grammage, net number of copies, average rotational speed.